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POTOMAC'S BID ACCEPTED

Commissioners Approve the Street Lighting Proposal. LAW SUIT IS EXPECTED

The District Commissioners yesterday took up the bids recently submitted for street lighting, and authorized the acceptance of the proposal made by the Potomac Light and Power Company for supplying incandescent lamps.

In the matter of gas lights, the Commissioners conceded the points made by the two local companies against the specifications, and directed changes to be made in accordance with the suggestions. These amended specifications will be submitted to the companies and there is little doubt of their acceptance, in which event gas lights will be supplied at the rate of \$20 per lamp.

Incandescent electric street lamps are not numerous, but it is possible that in the future there will be an increase in the number. Such as may now be required will be supplied by light and power companies, and when there is a demand for others, if within the life of this year's contract, permits will be issued to the same company for the necessary construction, notwithstanding the protest of the United States Electric Light Company against entertaining bids from other corporations.

EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION. The company last mentioned holds to the opinion that it has exclusive jurisdiction in the city at all points embraced in its charter. Its officers would not put in a bid for street lighting under the terms of the recent advertisement for bids for lighting, claiming that the Commissioners had no authority in law to advertise for or receive proposals for that branch of the service.

The Commissioners by their action yesterday have evidently invited the United States Company to point out the law which they are alleged to be violating.

This is not all, however, for the way seems to be paved for accepting the bids of the Potomac Company for arc lights.

LAW SUIT LIKELY. The United States Company officers stated in their letter of protest that, legalized by the courts as well as by Congress as the only corporation in the District with the right to supply electric street lighting, they would decline to bid, but would continue to supply the lights at the rate established by law.

The Commissioners deny that Congress fixed a price, but admit that a rate was given beyond which they may not go incurring a contract.

The Potomac Company agreed to supply arc lamps at a rate of \$400 per lamp, which is about \$6 per lamp less than the offer made by its rival.

It is, therefore, not improbable that there will be an opportunity afforded for a full interpretation of the law involved, since, should the Potomac offer be accepted, a suit in court will be sure to result.

PICKPOCKETS ACTIVE. Two Cases Reported by the Capitol Police. Despite the efforts of the police several pickpockets managed to ply their trade yesterday, and got away without being detected.

The Capitol police found two empty pocketbooks lying in a secluded corner of the portico. The books were identified and everything of value taken.

It was reported at police headquarters that a man who had forced an entrance to a room in the St. James Hotel and attempted to make off with a watch. The occupant of the room returned before the man could get away and compelled him to give up his plunder.

The thief managed to escape, but the police have been furnished with a good description and hope to capture him this morning.

WOULD NOT COMMIT HART. No Case Against the Alleged Head of the Lamada Expedition. Philadelphia, Pa., July 10.—Senator Christopher Craig, this afternoon, declined to commit John D. Hart, the reputed head of the Hart Steamship Line, for the action of the grand jury at Jacksonville, Fla., on the charge of abducting a Cuban filibustering expedition from that place on the steamer Lamada.

The commissioner decided that no case had been made out against the accused.

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PRINCE ITURBIDE SUBS

Seeks a Writ of Mandamus Against the Metropolitan Club. Declares His Expulsion Was Unjust and Desires to Be Reinstated Through the Courts.

Prince Augustin de Iturbide, whose troubles with the Metropolitan Club have frequently a matter of publicity, has again brought the matter to the front by filing a suit for a writ of mandamus to compel the club to reinstate the order of expulsion, which deprived him of membership.

The petitioner serves as his own counsel in the case, and in the course of his application he complains of the injustice done him by the club officials. The secretary notified him, he says, April 23 last, to appear before the board in order to answer charges preferred against him, but no specifications were furnished. Upon his appearance before the board in answer to the charges, there was no specification of charges, nor was he confronted with his accusers.

The president, he says, vouchsafed him no explanation, except to inform him that he had been expelled. He was charged with a charge in the club against him, but upon denying the accusation and asking for opportunity to explain the information of the club at his own defense, he was requested to retire.

The officers of the club agreed with him, the prince says, to notify him of further proceedings in writing, and he accordingly received a communication from the secretary stating that he was not considered a desirable member.

Noting this as worthy of a reply, the prince simply filed it away. He was advised to do this by some friends, he says, but to his dismay he was expelled May 8 for not responding to the indefinite communication which he felt was not intended to elicit a reply.

The plaintiff regards these circumstances as exceedingly damaging to his character, and he is desirous of having considerable publicity given to the particulars, and he therefore invokes the aid of the courts in an action to recover his rights.

Well-Known Teacher Dead. Miss Janie P. McCauley died at her father's residence at 240 p. m. yesterday. Miss McCauley was educated in the public schools of Washington, and after graduation from the Normal School was appointed the following year a teacher, in which capacity she served successfully and conscientiously for many years. She had been a member and corresponding secretary of the Amnion Association since its formation.

Miss McCauley had been failing for several months, and while a great stock to her many friends, her death was not unexpected.

Attempted to Wreck a Train. Providence, R. I., July 10.—The engineer of the steamboat train discovered last night between Wood River Mills and Natick, several ties placed on the west-bound track, and the train was stopped. The ties were removed and the authorities notified. A Westerner, who has been seen in the vicinity of the wrecking of the Gilt Edge train, which was to pass there within a few moments. The train was stopped, the ties removed and the authorities notified. A Westerner, who has been seen in the vicinity of the wrecking of the Gilt Edge train, which was to pass there within a few moments.

Water Found in Granite. A most interesting fact has been discovered by a Swedish scientist. It is that water can be found by ordinary granite and other crystalline rocks to a depth of 100 or 700 feet. A well was sunk in the island of Akro, off the Swedish coast, not long ago, and the depth of 110 feet fresh water was tapped, providing an apparently inexhaustible supply.—Chicago Chronicle.

Packet Company Assigns. New York, July 10.—James R. and Theodore D. Sutton, composing the firm of Sutton & Co. of this city and Philadelphia, have assigned their business to Charles R. Ludington, Jr. They are the proprietors of Sutton's dispatch line of San Francisco packets plying between New York and San Francisco, and also between New York and California ports.

What the Wheel Has Done. The order for 1,000,000 feet of bicycle tubing placed with an American manufacturer by a bicycle maker of Birmingham, England, is interesting as showing another revolution wrought by the wheel. As recently as last year the United States imported tubing to the value of \$507,041 from Birmingham.—Exchange.

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RATS DEVASTATE AN ISLAND.

Eat the Grass—No Chance to Get Rid of Them. Some years ago Reed's Island, in the estuary of the Humber, was reclaimed from the sea, says the London Daily News. The island is about 600 acres in extent, and until recently it was noted for the excellence of its pasturage, which was capable of supporting about 3,000 sheep. Today there is not sufficient grass upon the island to feed a rabbit.

Some months ago it was invaded by rats. Every attempt to rid the island of the rodents has proved unsuccessful. The island is surrounded by earthen banks ten feet in height to keep out the sea, and about a month ago sluices were fitted into the banks, and for some time the island was flooded. The rats resented the treatment to which they were subjected by squeaking and snarling, and then betook themselves to the mainland, a diversion in which they indulge every night, although it necessitates a swim of 600 yards each way.

A scheme of wholesale shooting was next put into operation, but its success was not such as to lead the commissioners of the Humber conservancy to continue it, and the rats are still masters of the situation. The appearance of the ground is that of a newly-plowed field, and the earth thrown up by the burrows and the earth thrown up by the unwelcome visitors to Reed's Island differ in appearance from the ordinary water rat. The tail and hind quarters are similar, but the head and ears are said rather to resemble those of the civet. The coat is soft and furry and of a tawny hue, not like that of the species of rat the breeding of which for the sake of its skin is in some places an industry. There are millions of these rats on the island, and as they eat grass, roots and tubers, the chances of carrying off the pests by poison are very problematical.

Gold in Pennsylvania. Justice of the Peace Emanuel Wilwert, of Sunbury, Pa., has discovered a vein of gold and silver on the farm of Thomas J. Lyons, in Upper Augusta township, three miles from Sunbury. Justice Wilwert has a lease and will develop the ore. Assays by the Pennsylvania Smelting and Refining works at Philadelphia show from \$5 to \$15 gold and from \$3 to \$5 of silver per ton in the surface ore. Other assays have been taken from a further distance of 100 to 200 feet, and show a small quantity of silver.—Chicago Chronicle.

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